



Iowa General Assembly

2010 Committee Briefings

Legislative Services Agency – Legal Services Division

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STUDIES COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Meeting Dates: [June 9, 2010](#)

Purpose. *This compilation of briefings on legislative interim committee meetings and other meetings and topics of interest to the Iowa General Assembly, written by the Legal Services Division staff of the nonpartisan Legislative Services Agency, describes committee activities or topics. The briefings were originally distributed in the Iowa Legislative Interim Calendar and Briefing. Official minutes, reports, and other detailed information concerning the committee or topic addressed by a briefing can be obtained from the committee's Internet page listed above, from the Iowa General Assembly's Internet page at <http://www.legis.state.ia.us/index.html>, or from the agency connected with the meeting or topic described.*

STUDIES COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

June 9, 2010

Chairperson: Speaker Patrick J. Murphy

Vice Chairperson: Senator Michael E. Gronstal

Overview. The Studies Committee considered mandates and proposals for 2010 Interim studies contained in legislation and other requests, and recommended the actions listed in this briefing. The recommendations were approved by the Legislative Council.

Studies Deadline. The deadline for completion of the 2010 Interim studies is December 17, 2010.

2010 Interim Studies. Studies were authorized for the 2010 Interim with the indicated number of members and meeting days to address the following topics:

Statutory Committees

- **Legislative Health Care Coverage Commission** (2009 Acts, S.F. 389, §1)

Charge: The Commission is required by statute to develop an Iowa health care reform strategic plan, addressing various aspects listed in the legislation. The Commission is created under the authority of the Legislative Council, with administrative support to be provided by the Legislative Services Agency. The Legislative Council is required to appoint a chairperson and vice chairperson from the voting membership.

For the 2010 Interim, the Commission shall complete its deliberations no later than December 31, 2010, and file a final report with the General Assembly no later than January 31, 2011.

Members: 11 members of the public as voting members

2 Senate/2 House as ex officio, nonvoting members

3 agency directors or their designees as ex officio, nonvoting members

(directors of Department of Human Services and Department of Public Health and Commissioner of Insurance)

Meeting Days: 3 for 2010

- **Legislative Tax Expenditure Committee** (2010 Iowa Acts, S.F. 2380, Division II)

Charge: The Committee is created as a permanent body under the Legislative Council. Duties include approving annual estimates of the cost of tax expenditures by December 15 each year, and performing a scheduled review of specified tax credits so that each credit is reviewed at least every five years. The first scheduled review is in 2011. The Committee is authorized to hold an initial organizational meeting following the November 2010 election to plan for the first scheduled review and other activities.

Members: 5 Senate/5 House

Meeting Days: 1

Other Interim Studies

- **Standing Committees on Government Oversight**

Charge: Continue holding joint meetings during the 2010 Interim to conduct targeted oversight.

Members: 5 Senate/9 House

Meeting Days: 1 for remainder of 2010 Interim

- **Fiscal Committee of the Legislative Council—State Budget Laws and Procedures**

Charge: In addition to performing other duties, review Iowa laws and procedures that relate to the development and control of the state budget.

- **Levee and Drainage District Law Study Committee**

Charge: Review Iowa law on levee and drainage districts and make recommendations for addressing recent court rulings interpreting the law.

Members: 5 Senate/5 House

Meeting Days: 1

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